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Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday, 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Please email any announcements to bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following weekend bulletin.

Making Moral Decisions?

There are some politically charged topics in the U.S.A. these days – gay marriage and the threat to religious freedom with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

These are emotionally charged issues. They affect our daily practical life. So many voices are expressing opposing viewpoints. A danger is that people will take sides without carefully thinking about the issues or the implications for the future.

These are moral issues. A fundamental question for each of us is, *'What is my general method for making moral decisions?'* What most influences your morality? Do you first listen to friends that you trust? Do you resort to your family's values inherited as a child? Do you describe yourself as *evolving* with the culture? Does the teaching of the Church inform your conscience? Do the popular opinion polls sway your values?

Recently, I met with a few engaged couples and asked them how many children they planned to have. After they responded, I asked them individually, *'Did you pray about the number of children for your marriage?'* Not one of them said that prayer was part of the decision. Since God made us and has a plan for us, with humble trust we ought to consult our Creator about such important matters.

For a believer, the foundation for making moral decisions is a life of prayer. St. Paul said, *"Live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desires of the flesh"* (Gal. 5:16). He often tells Christians to "live in Christ." We are so united to Christ that we live in him. So how could we not consult him? Or are we afraid to consult him because he might not tell me what I want to hear? A habit of daily prayer is essential if we are to engage the political issues of the day.

Secondly, moral decisions are informed by the Scriptures. Christian morality is received from God, not crafted by humans. Merely human morality often seeks the easy way out. Could any human ever make moral demands like Jesus? *"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"*(Mt. 5:44), or *"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me"*(Mt. 16:24)?

How does following the crowd influence our moral decisions? Are you wary of how puny human vision can be in understanding the moral life? When making moral decisions, how central is Scripture and prayer?

There are other elements for Christian morality which I will consider in the future. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our leaders in these days.

In Christ's love, Fr. Steve

OLBH Parish News

First Communion Photos

First Communion Photos are available for the families to pick-up in the gathering area.

Altar Server Training

Altar server training for all new servers (youth or adult) will be **Saturday, June 2nd at 11:00 a.m**. If you recently decided that you would like to serve, it is necessary to attend this training. Young people who will be in 4th grade or above next fall are welcome to serve.

Attention 2012 High School Graduates

Every year we honor our graduates, and we don't want you to miss out! Our Lady of the Black Hills parish will be honoring the 2012 GRADUATES at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 3rd with a brunch to follow for their families. Please R.S.V.P.** to Teresa Thompson by **this Monday, May 28th** either by email teresa@olbh.org or by calling 787-5168.

Sky Vacation Bible School

Register Now!

Registration is now open for SKY VBS at OLBH. You may register in the gathering area of the church or online at: https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/olbh/

Sky VBS will be held **June 25th-29th from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** in the church basement. The cost is $15 individual or $25 family. Scholarships are available.

Food Donations for Sky VBS!

We are seeking food donations for Sky VBS themed snacks. If you are interested in supporting our summer program, please take an orange food item card posted on the office window. Return donated food items to the church kitchen by **Sunday, June 24th**. Thank you for your continued support.

Home Masses in the Summer are Back!!

At **6:00 pm** on **June 5th & 19th** , **July 10th & 24th** , and **August 7th & 21st** home Masses will be held in parishioner's homes. A social hour will follow the Mass with simple food such as a dessert, box lunch, sharing, etc. If you would like to host a home Mass please fill out the sign-up sheet in the gathering area for your day of preference.

Summer Youth Formation

Do you know of an inactive Catholic family with children who may want to find a way to become active again during the summer months? We want to invite them to take part in informal faith formation activities this summer for children ages 8-15 who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation. Please contact Fr. Steve Biegler or Teresa Thompson in the parish office at 787-5168.

Sky VBS Crew Needed!

Looking for something to do this summer!?! Volunteer to help with Sky VBS at OLBH! VBS will be held **June 25th-29th from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** in the church basement. We are looking for **middle school students and high school students** to lead crews (*no experience necessary—you just need a fun and inviting attitude*). We will also need a number of adults to help at the stations. The success of this program depends on volunteers like you! Sign up today at the VBS table in the gathering area or contact Jenny at jenny.scherr@olbh.org.

VBS Station Leader & Crew Meeting

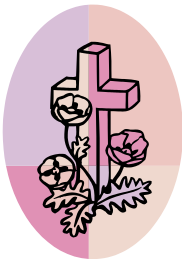
The VBS Station Leader and Crew meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church basement. All Volunteers, please plan to attend.

SKY VBS Participants

Please plan to **bring a plain t-shirt** to SKY VBS & we will iron on the SKY logo! White or light colored 100% cotton t-shirts will work best for this iron on logo.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

May 28th – June 3rd, 2012



Monday, May 28th

Memorial Day

Readings: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9,10c; Mk 10:17-27 (*green*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy – Will be celebrated at Piedmont Cemetery

Mass Intention: +Elaine Scherer

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm: Cub Scouts – Bears and Wolves

Tuesday, May 29th

Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31 (*green*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: Pattie Hawkins

5:00 pm: Praying the Bible

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 30th

Readings: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Mk 10:32-45 (*green*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: The People of Spain

8:30 am – 8:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

5:30 pm – 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Reconciliation

Thursday, May 31st

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6; Lk 1:39-56 (*white*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: All Souls in Purgatory

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

Friday, June 1st

Saint Justin - Martyr

Readings: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26 (*red*)

Saturday Morning, June 2nd

Saints Marcellinus & Peter – Martyrs

Readings: Jude 1:17,20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33 (*green*)

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

11:00 am: Altar Server Training

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, June 2nd

The Holy Trinity

Readings: Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 *(white)*

5:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: OLBH Community

Sunday, June 3rd

The Holy Trinity

Readings: Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 *(white)*

9:00 am: Liturgy – Blessing for Graduates

Mass Intention: All Graduates

10:00 am: Graduate Brunch

6:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: Masses for Life

Congratulations on the Baptism of

Madeline Rae Hough

daughter of John & Samantha Hough

on May 27, 2012

Weekly Ministry Schedule

June 2nd & 3rd, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Lori Ehresmann		
Altar Servers	Jessie Gray Taygen Johns Shayla Heid	Rachel Varilek Christian Weaver Joshua Weaver	**NEEDED** Isaac Gehlsen Paige Gehlsen
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	Jacqui Blaha Kathy Van Asma Ken Van Asma Tom Van Asma Betsy Van Asma	Dennis Fischer Donna Boner Dean Antonsen Mary Antonsen Christine Didriksen	Curt Lauinger **NEEDED** **NEEDED** Michelle Bucholz Judy Nelson
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Pat Suiter Diane Clarke	John Vargo Angie Oberle
Sacristans	Patty Cresalia	Bob Weaver	Matthew Blauvelt Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt
Greeters	Bette Stebbins Kevin Rohrbach	Mike Keller Frank Boner	Aaron Thies Aaron Denekamp

*Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Joe Creek
Don Thrall
Adrian & Robyn Amiotte – children of Kathy Amiotte
William Schroeder – Richard & Robert Schroeder's father
Randy Meyer – Coleen Short's grandson
Margaret Giacomini – Rob Varilek's sister
Joann McCormick – Fr. Mark & Jim McCormick's mother
Norma Modena – Cathy Wang's Godmother
Nick Weishaar – Brother of Mark Weishaar

Repose of the Soul

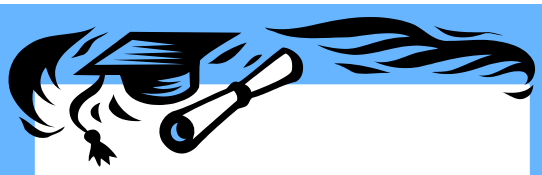
Flo Neely
Ron Pahl – Kassi Jolley's father
Betty Jo Kirke – Sister of Don Hobbs
Marne Honerkamp – daughter of Bill Honerkamp

**Names will remain on our list for one month. Please contact the parish office to request continued prayers.*

The Collection Basket

May 19th & 20th, 2012

Loose	$ 1657.00
Envelopes	1885.00
Votive	3.00
Student	105.36
Priest Retirement	1280.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
Ascension	45.00
Rectory	300.00
Adopt a Seminarian	222.00
Total	$5517.36



Congratulations to all our graduates!

Rapid City Diocese News

Fr. Deisch to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

All are invited to join Fr. Ray Deisch as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Raymond Joseph Deisch was ordained by Bishop William McCarty, CSSR, on May 26, 1962 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Rapid City. A Mass of Celebration will be held on **this Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., at Blessed Sacrament Church**, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Bishop Robert Gruss will preside and Fr. Brian Lane will be the homilist. Concelebrants will be Fr. Dan Smith, Fr. Tom Hillenbrand, OSB, and retired priests. After Mass, a reception will be held in the parish hall until 2:00 p.m.

35th Annual RUMMAGE SALE

The 35th Annual Rummage Sale will be held at **St. Therese the Little Flower**, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City on **Friday, June 1st, 2012** from 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. and continuing **Saturday, June 2nd**, 7:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Adam Hockhausen Silent Auction Benefit

A benefit auction for Adam will be held on **Sunday June 3, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. Lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus.** Adam has recently been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and will be undergoing treatment for the next 3 ½ years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Adam and his wife, Kirstin, are students at South Dakota State University and have two small children. Adam's parents, Rose and Joe, are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Joe and Adam are also members of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Maureen LeFleur at 721-6545 or 381-4451, or Deb Fredrich at 391-6576.

"That Man is You" Conference

The theme of the men's conference is "I Stand at the Door and Knock." The conference will be held at Terra Sancta from **7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012**. Presentations will by Bishop Robert Gruss and Dan Spencer. We are asking $10 donation to cover the cost of lunch and materials. To register, or for more information, call 605.342.4681 or email: knightsc@midconetwork.com.

Family Life Ministries

The next **Christian Family Planning Seminar** will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. - noon at St. Joseph's in Spearfish.** ***This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.*** Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

College Students: Get Connected to your Catholic Home on Campus

Going to college this fall? Please email your contact information to newmanbhsu@rushmore.com and it will be forwarded to the Campus Ministry center at the college or university you will be attending. Include your name, complete home address, phone number, home parish, parents' names, and the name and location of the college or university that you will be attending. The information can also be mailed to St. Joseph Newman Center, 844 N. 5th St., Spearfish, SD 57783.

Adoration Opportunity

You are invited to a week of prayer for our diocesan priests as they attend their annual retreat. There will be Solemn Exposition and Adoration in Our Lady's Chapel at the Cathedral beginning **Monday, June 11, at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m., noon, on Friday, June 15**. Sign-up sheets are available in the entrance.

Totus Tuus 2012 - No Greater love

Totus Tuus Camps are coming to *Terra Sancta*! Hiking, Campfires, Swimming, Games, and much more!

- ***Girls' Camp*** for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: **June 26-29**.
- ***Girls' Leadership*** for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: **June 25-29.**
- ***Boys' Camp*** for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: **July 10-13.**
- ***Boys' Leadership*** for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: **July 9-13**.

Registration forms available online at www.Gods-call.org or at your parish. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.

Pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks

Join Bishop Robert Gruss and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions on a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha on **Sunday, October 21, 2012**. Veronica Valandra, Diocesan Director of Native American Concerns, is coordinating local participation with the bureau office. She can be contacted at the chancery at (605)343-3541 or at vvalandra@diorc.org. The 11-day trip will be October 18-24. There is also a 7-day trip option. The final payment is due August 15. For more information, go to www.rapidcitydiocese.org

World Youth Day Rio de Janeiro Still Taking Applications

July 16-30, 2013. Cost: $2998. World Youth Day will be led by Fr. Brian Christensen, Fr. Nathan Sparks, and Fr. Tyler Dennis. This event is perfect for those 18-35 who are happy to walk extensively every day and thrive in rustic environments. The cost includes airfare, busing, transfers, simple accommodations, most meals, and registration fee. Registration and applications at: www.rapidcitydiocese.org or www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com. For more information contact Provatia Pietila 343-3541 or ppietila@diorc.org.

Congratulations, Fr. John Hatcher, SJ 2012 Lumen Christi Award Finalist

Catholic Extension has announced that Fr. John Hatcher, SJ, is a finalist for the 2012 Lumen Christi Award for spreading the light of Christ to so many in the Diocese of Rapid City. Show your support for Fr. Hatcher once again as he gets closer to receiving the award, which is accompanied by a $50,000 grant to further his ministry. Facebook members can go to www.catholicextension.org and click on Lumen Christi Award to read about Fr. Hatcher and vote for him. Facebook voting has been extended and will end **June 1**. Those who are not able to vote on Facebook will be able to vote on the Catholic Extension website beginning May 21. Your votes will be one of several factors considered in determining the award recipient.

(From: Diocesan Social Justice Commission www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/SocialJustice.htm)

Rachel's Corner

Hurting from the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion? God's mercy and forgiveness await you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. The next retreat is **August 17-19, 2012 in the Bismarck area**. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

For the Ride Home

Pentecost Sunday

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)
- When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)
- For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:21, 22)

Reflection

- Is Jesus' mission on Earth complete without the Holy Spirit?
- Is Jesus' mission complete without you?
- How have you encountered the Holy Spirit?
- How does God renew the face of the earth through the Holy Spirit and through you?

I become a new man and this new man, spiritually and mystically one identity is at once Christ and I. The language of the New Testament and the teaching of the Church explain, to the mind of the believer, that this spiritual union of my being with Christ in one "new man" is the work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Love, the spirit of Christ.[1]

[1]*Thomas Merton – New Seeds of Contemplation, New Directions: New York, 1961, p.158. Ted Bergh, © ParishVision Llc 2012 -- Visit ParishVision.org.*

Part-time Positions at Terra Sancta

The Diocese of Rapid City has part-time positions available at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center - **cleaning and cooking/kitchen staff**. More information about each of the positions and the required application form are available on-line at http://terrasancta.org. Applications are also available at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center main desk. Review of applications will begin immediately; positions are open until filled. For a complete job description of either part-time position, go on-line to http://terrasancta.org. Questions? Contact Reeny at 605-716-0925.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Pentecost Sunday

"Workers are called to pursue justice. In the Catholic tradition, work is not a burden, not just how we make a living. Work is a way of supporting our family, realizing our dignity, promoting the common good, and participating in God's creation. This means often doing the ordinary well, making the most of our talents and opportunities, treating others fairly and with dignity, and working with integrity and creativity. Believers should be encouraged to choose their work based on how they can best use the gifts God has given them. Decisions made at work can make important contributions to an ethic of justice. Catholics have the often difficult responsibility of choosing between competing values in the workplace. This is a measure of holiness."

***USCCB**, Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice, 1998. www.usccb.org/(From: Diocesan Social Justice Commission www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/SocialJustice.htm*

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